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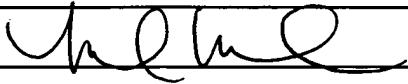
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Sir:

On October 1, 2004, Applicants submitted a response to an Office Action dated July 1, 2004. Applicants submit herewith a translation of one of the references cited in the July 1, 2004 Office Action, along with various remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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